

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in this application and have been amended.

Claims 1, 10 and 12-13 had been finally rejected as anticipated by Park; claims 2-7, 9, 11, 14-17 and 19-22 had been finally rejected as obvious over Park in view of Ben-Yehezkel et al.; claims 8 and 18 had been finally rejected as obvious over Park in view of Ben-Yehezkel et al and Tsutsumi. These rejections respectfully traversed in a Reply After Final and continue to be traversed.

In the Advisory Action in response to the Reply After Final, the Examiner used a broad definition of preferred communication area defined by the claims. The claims have been amended to specify this term as follows: "areas for preferred communication usage where the mobile WTRU can directly transmit and receive communication signals with a predetermined network station associated with a respective geographic area." The term WTRU is now used throughout the claims to emphasize the bi-direction communication which is not disclosed in Park. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-23 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

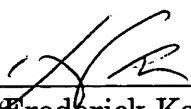
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application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 - 23, is in condition for allowance, reconsideration and a notice to that effect are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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